23rd October 1956]

Selection of candidates for the Medical Colleges in the State

* 306 *Q.*—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates that applied for admission into the Medical Colleges in the State in 1956, community-war, like forward classes, backward classes and Scheduled Castes;

(*b*) the number of candidates that were interviewed community-war.

(*c*) the number selected finally under forward classes, backward classes and Scheduled Castes;

(*d*) the number selected under the General Pool under efficiency category and the number among them that belonged to the forward classes, backward classes and Scheduled Castes;

(*e*) whether the quota allotted for Scheduled Castes has been filled up by the Scheduled Castes candidates; and

(*f*) whether the quota allotted for the backward classes has been exhausted by the backward classes candidates?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) 1,465. Of these, 107 were from outside the State and 53 were ineligible to apply under the rules. The remaining 1,305 qualified applicants were :—

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ...	31
Backward classes	474
Other communities	800
Total ...	1,305

(*b*) All the 1,305 eligible applicants were called for interview.

(*c*)	(1) Scheduled Castes	31
	(2) Backward Classes	143
	(3) Other communities	126

(*d*) 176. Of these, 68 belong to backward classes and the rest belong to other communities. No candidate belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes has been selected by merit against the seats in the General Pool.

(*e*) No, Sir. 48 seats were reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Only 31 candidates applied and all of them were selected.

(*f*) Yes, Sir.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, the Hon. Minister has almost baffled us with a lot of figures. It is not easy to tally them with other figures and see where exactly the snag lies. Will the Government at least assure us that the quota allotted to the backward 12·10 p.m.

[23rd October 1956

community students has been completely exhausted? May I also know how many backward community students succeeded in getting seats from the general quota?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The backward classes got 143 seats out of a total of 300 seats. That is nearly 50 per cent. They are entitled to only 25 per cent of the reserved seats. They got the rest on merit.

Lower Bhavani Project Ryots' Conference at Pundurai

* 307 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri K. R. Nallasivam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the action taken so far with regard to the resolutions passed and presented to the Government at a conference of Lower Bhavani Project ryots at Pundurai on 24th September 1955?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In addition to the resolutions passed at the last year's conference, other representations and memoranda have been submitted to the Government. The Government are considering them. I may state here that already certain concessions with regard to the cultivation of groundnut, gingelly, tobacco, chillies, turmeric, castor, tapioca, etc., have been given. With regard to "scattered fruit trees" and the raising of summer paddy crop also concessions have already been given.

SRI K. T. RAJU : சென்ற மாதம் 29-ம் தேதி, இந்த சட்டசபையில் இது சம்பந்தமாக கேள்விகள் கேட்டபோது கூடிய சீக்கிரம் எல்லாவற்றிற்கும் பதில் அளிக்கிறோம் என்றும், இவைகளைப்பற்றி தீவிரமாக யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறோம் என்றும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொன்னார். இம்மாதிரி வரிப் பிரச்னையும் மற்ற பலவிதமான பிரச்னைகளும் இருக்கின்றன. அவைகளுக்கெல்லாம் பதில் சொல்வதற்கு எவ்வளவு மாதங்களாகும் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கருதுகிறார்கள் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொன்னது எல்லாம் சரிதான். கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் அவைகளைப்பற்றி ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வரலாம் என்று இப்பொழுதும் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Payment of arrears to the teachers of Harijan Welfare schools in Malabar

* 308 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the increments due to the teachers of Harijan Welfare schools in Malabar from 1948–1956 are still in arrears; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken so far to clear them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The pay of the teachers in Malabar district was refixed with reference to the general revision of pay ordered in 1947 and the increased rates of pay were paid to the teachers with effect from 1st January 1955. The arrears of increment from 1st January 1948